Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as shown below. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a providing unit configured that programmed to provides provide an input screen for inputting a product name;

a database configured that stores programmed to store registered trademark image information and genuine-product-specific information corresponding to the product name;

an input unit configured that inputs programmed to input product data acquired by scanning a product; and

a determining unit configured that determines programmed to determine that the product is a genuine product when the determining unit determines that the product data input by the input unit includes the registered trademark image information and the genuine-product-specific information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen, determine that the product is a counterfeit product when the determining unit determines that the product data input by the input unit includes the registered trademark image information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen and does not include the genuine-product-specific information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen, and determine that the product is neither a genuine product nor a counterfeit a third party product when the determining unit determines that the product data input by the input unit does not include the registered trademark image information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen; and

a notification unit programmed to notify that the product is not a counterfeit

product when the product is determined to be a genuine product or a third party product by the determining unit and to notify that the product is a counterfeit product when the product is determined to be a counterfeit product by the determining unit.

23-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the second information is written in a micro-character.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein when the determining unit determines that a product is a counterfeit product, the notification unit notifies a counterfeit-product's regulatory authority terminal of the determination result.

30. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the product includes toner for a printer.

31. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a storage unit ~~configured that stores~~ programmed to store the determination result obtained by the determining unit and user information inputted by the input unit.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for information processing in an information processing apparatus using a database to store registered trademark image information and genuine-product-specific information corresponding to a product name, the method comprising:

a providing step of providing an input screen for inputting the product name;

an inputting step of inputting product data acquired ~~by scanning a product~~ by reading a product by a scanner;

a first determining step of determining whether the product data input in the inputting step includes the registered trademark image information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen;

a second determining step of determining whether the product data input in the inputting step includes the genuine-product-specific information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen; ~~and~~

a third determining step of determining whether the product is a genuine product, a counterfeit product or ~~neither a genuine product nor a counterfeit~~ a third party product, in accordance with a determination result in the first determining step and the second determining step; and

a notification step of notifying that the product is not a counterfeit product when the product is determined to be a genuine product or a third party product in the third determining step and of notifying that the product is a counterfeit product when the product is determined to be a counterfeit product in the third determining step.

33-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the second information is written in a micro-character.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein when it is determined that the product is the counterfeit product in the third determining step, the determination result is notified to the counterfeit-product's regulatory authority terminal.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the product includes toner for a printer.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, further comprising a storing step of storing the determination result obtained in the third determining step

and user information inputted in the inputting step.

     42. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium that stores a program module for executing a method for information processing using a database to store registered trademark image information and genuine-product-specific information corresponding to a product name, the program module comprising:

     a providing step of providing an input screen for inputting the product name;

     an inputting step of inputting product data acquired by scanning a product;

     a first determining step of determining whether the product data input in the inputting step includes the registered trademark image information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen;

     a second determining step of determining whether the product data input in the inputting step includes the genuine-product-specific information in the database corresponding to the product name input in the input screen; ~~and~~

     a third determining step of determining whether the product is a genuine product, a counterfeit product or ~~neither a genuine product nor a counterfeit~~ <u>a third party</u> product, in accordance with a determination result in the first determining step and the second determining step<u>; and</u>

     <u>a notification step of notifying that the product is not a counterfeit product when the product is determined to be a genuine product or a third party product in the third determining step and of notifying that the product is a counterfeit product when the product is determined to be a counterfeit product in the third determining step.</u>